LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH DAY.

Thursday, 31st August 1950.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

Mr. Speaker (Sri V. Venkatappa) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given.)

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri V. Venkatappa).—Questions.—Question No. 67.

Handing over the State Telephone System to the control of the Government of India.

Q.—67. **Rajamantrapravina H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA** (Hassan District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the State Telephone system was handed over to the control of the Government of Indian Union;

(*b*) the conditions under which it was handed over?

A.—**Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) From 1st April 1950.

(*b*) No special conditions.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—It is said that there were no special conditions attached to the handing over of the Telephone System. At least were there alternative conditions that the service should be as efficient as it was prior to the change-over ?

Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—There were no such conditions. But it was hoped that the efficiency would be kept up.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—What is the experience of Government—because they have got the services of telephones—about the present telephone service ? Is it as efficient as it was ?

Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—It is a matter of opinion.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Is it a fact that there are many Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries to Government who have not got the service of telephone in spite of the fact that there is a great need for it ?

Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I think almost all Secretaries to Government have got it.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Almost all Secretaries ! Are there none at least who have not got telephones ?

Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I want notice to answer the question.

Establishment of Borstals and Children's Homes.

* *Q*–78. **Sri D. H. CHANDRASEKHARAIYA** (Chitaldrug District–General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware that there are legislative measures in force providing for the establishment of Borstals and Children's Homes for the benefit of youthful and young offenders when these measurs were passed ;

(b) the action that has been taken so far to start such institutions.

Sri K. T. BHASHYAM (Minister for Law and Labour) :—

A.–(a) Yes. The Mysore Children's Act was passed as Act No. XLV of 1943. The Mysore Borstal School Act was passed as Act No. XLVI of 1943.